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Hampton Sheriff B.J. Roberts was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA). The association was chartered in 1940 and is involved in a number of programs to enable sheriffs, their deputies, chiefs of police and others in the field of criminal justice to perform their jobs in the best possible manner and to better service the people in their jurisdictions. A non-profit organization, NSA is dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among those in the criminal justice field. Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, NSA offers training, information, and other services to sheriffs, deputies, and others throughout the nation.

Roberts was first elected Sheriff of Hampton in 1992 and is currently serving his third term. As Sheriff, he directs one hundred and eighty four deputies and civilian personnel maintaining the custody, control and movement of inmates, serving civil and criminal processes and court orders, and maintaining security for court facilities.

Sheriff Roberts is currently serving as President of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association (VSA), Chairman of the Hampton Roads Regional Jail Authority, and Vice Chairman of the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Jail Association (AJA), the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), and the Hampton-Newport News Community Criminal Justice Board.

Applauded for service both professionally and in the community, Sheriff Roberts was recently recognized with the 2002 Virginia Peninsula Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., "Role Model of the Year" award. In June 2002, Roberts was the recipient of the Distinguished Public Service Award by the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA).